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The Old Man with a Beard



There was an old man with a beard
Who said, "It is just as I feared.
Two owls and a hen,
Four larks and a wren
Have all built nests in my beard."

(EDWARD LEAR)

I fell into a mud puddle," said Jim.

Said Father, "What! With your new pants on?"

Said Jim, "Sure. I didn't have time to take them off."

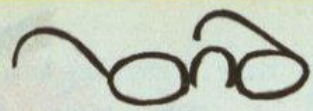


Mother said, "Tommy, what's the matter with your brother?"

Said Tommy, "He's crying because I'm eating my cake and won't give him any."

"Oh," said Mother. "Is his own cake gone?"

"Sure," said Tommy. "And he cried all the time I was eating that, too."



He seldom or never
 Could see without light,
 And yet I've been told he
 Could hear in the night.
 He has oft been awake
 In the daytime, it's said,
 And has fallen asleep
 As he lay in his bed.

It's reported his tongue
 Always moved when he talked,
 And he stirred both his arms
 And his legs when he walked.
 And his walk was so odd
 Had you seen him you'd burst,
 For one leg or the other
 Would always be first.



Says one clown to another,
 "What's the best way to keep fish from smelling?"
 Says the other clown right back,
 "Cut off their noses, of course."



The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea
 In a beautiful pea-green boat;
 They took some honey and plenty of money
 Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
 The Owl looked up to the stars above
 And sang to a small guitar,
 "Oh, lovely Pussy, Oh Pussy, my love,
 What a beautiful Pussy you are,
 You are!
 What a beautiful Pussy you are!"

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl,
How charmingly sweet you sing!
Oh, let us be married. Too long we have tarried.
But what shall we do for a ring?"



They sailed away for a year and a day,
To the land where the bong-tree grows;
And there in the wood a Piggy-Wig stood,
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will."
So they took it away and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon.
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.

(EDWARD LEAR)



Smart Aleck



Of course, I don't think it's right to spank a
little boy for something he hasn't done!
Hurray! I didn't help with the dishes.



Why did you put that mud turtle in your
sister's bed?
Well, I couldn't find any frogs.



There was a young lady of Kent
Whose nose was most awfully bent.
She followed her nose
One day, I suppose,
And no one knows which way she went!



There was a young lady named Hannah
Who slipped on a peel of banana.
As she lay on her side,
More stars she espied
Than there are in the Star Spangled Banner.



You are old, Father William," the young man said,
 "And your teeth are beginning to freeze.
 Your favorite daughter has wheels in her head,
 And the chickens are eating your knees."

"You are right," said the old man, "I cannot deny
 That my troubles are many and great.
 But I'll butter my ears on the Fourth of July,
 And then I'll be able to skate."



What is the worst weather for rats and mice?



How did you find the weather while you were away visiting your grandmother?

Oh, I just went outside and there it was.

When it's raining cats and dogs, Silly.

Questions to Ask at the Beach

Here's another question—What would you do if you were out fishing and the rowboat sank?



Oh, I'd just grab a cake of soap and wash myself ashore.

Here's the question—Suppose you forgot the picnic basket. Why wouldn't you get hungry at the beach?



Because you could eat the sand which is there.

More Questions



Why does a stork stand on one foot?

Because if he lifted the other foot, he'd fall down.



How can you change a pumpkin into a squash?

Throw it up in the air and it'll come down squash, all right.



Why does a hen lay eggs?

If she dropped them, she'd break them.



Why is a cat like the world?

It's fur from one end to the other.



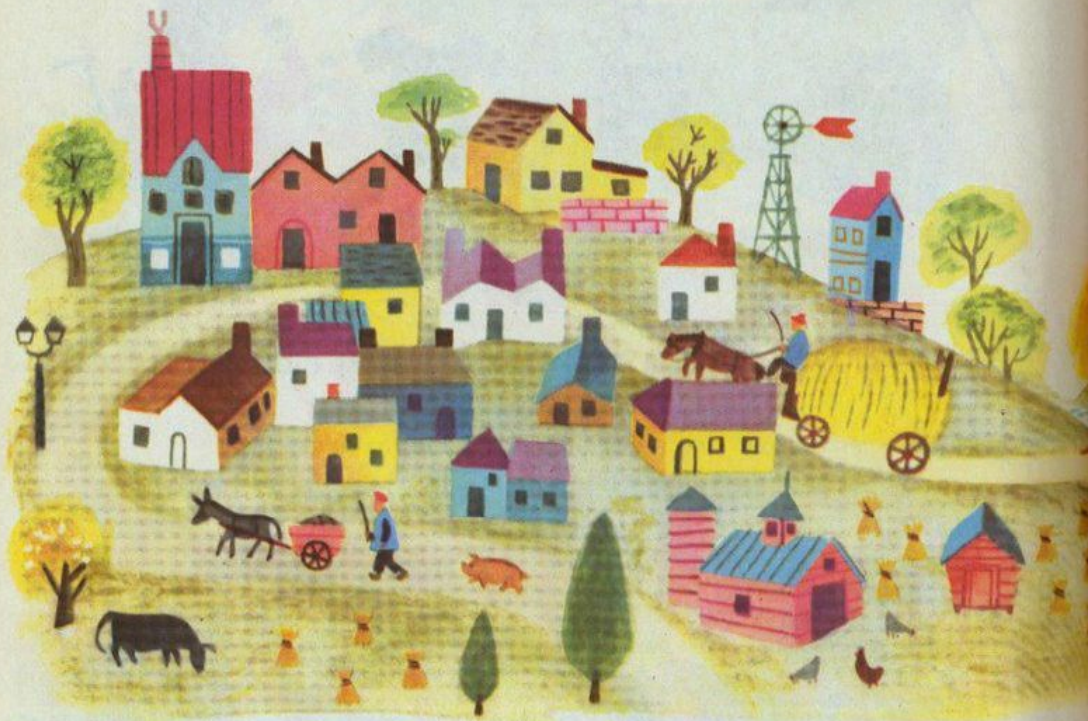
When does a dog wear the most clothes?

In the summer, of course. In winter he wears a coat.
But in the summer time he wears a coat and pants.



On which side of a pitcher is the handle?

On the outside, of course.



It goes from town to town, but it never moves.
It runs uphill and downhill, but it is never out
of breath.

What is it?



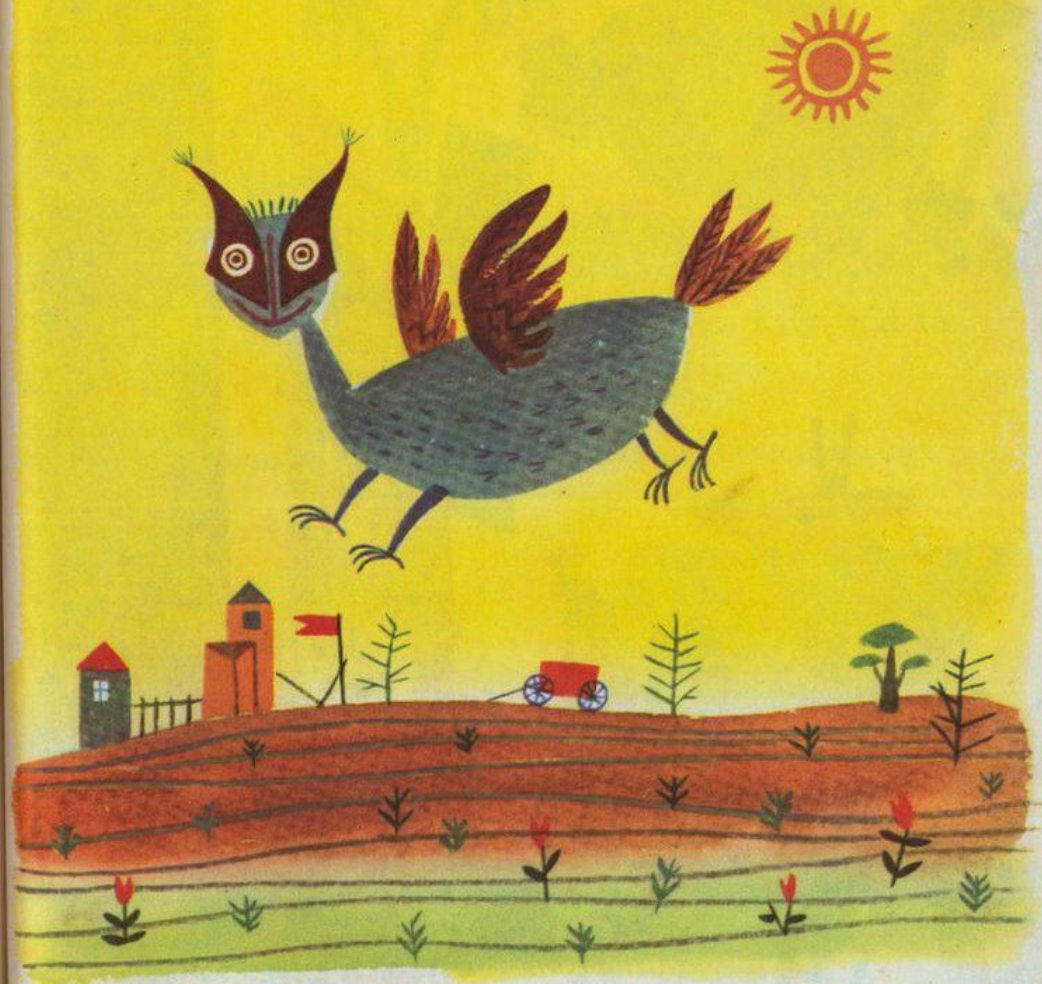
It has a mouth, but it never speaks.
And it has a bed, but it never sleeps.

What is it?



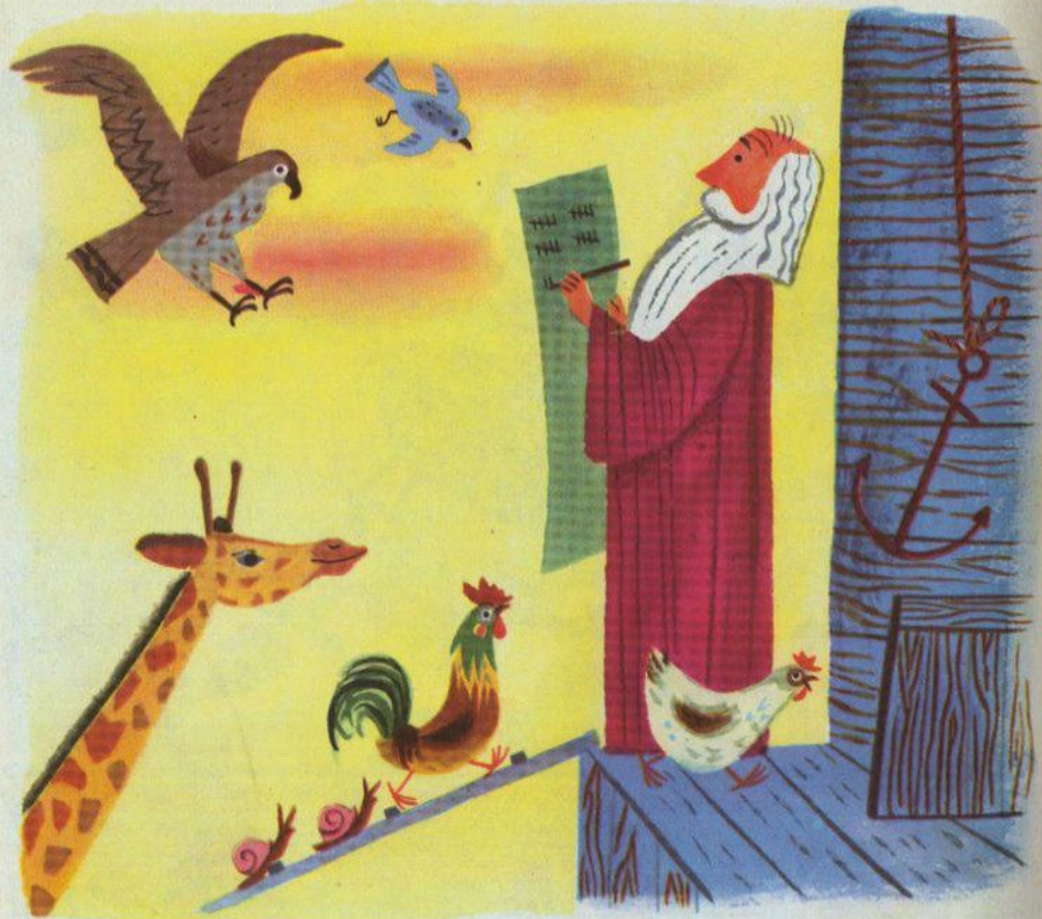
What is the most wonderful thing to see
in the country?

A cowslip under the fence.



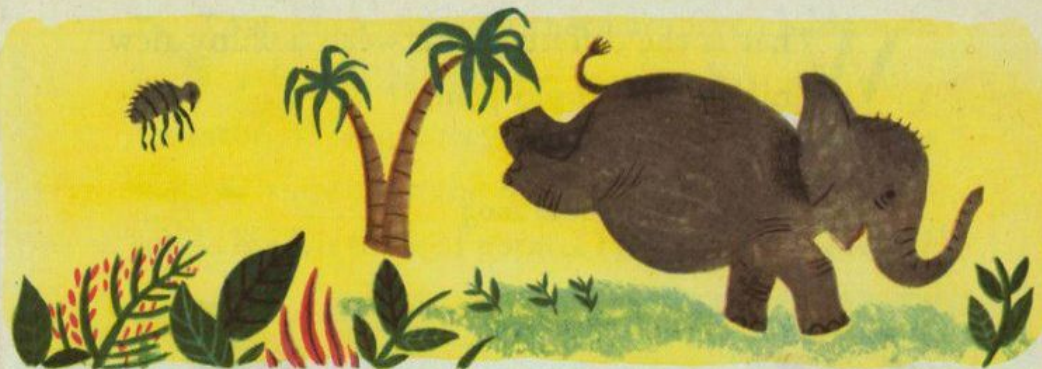
What has four legs and flies in the air?

Two robins.



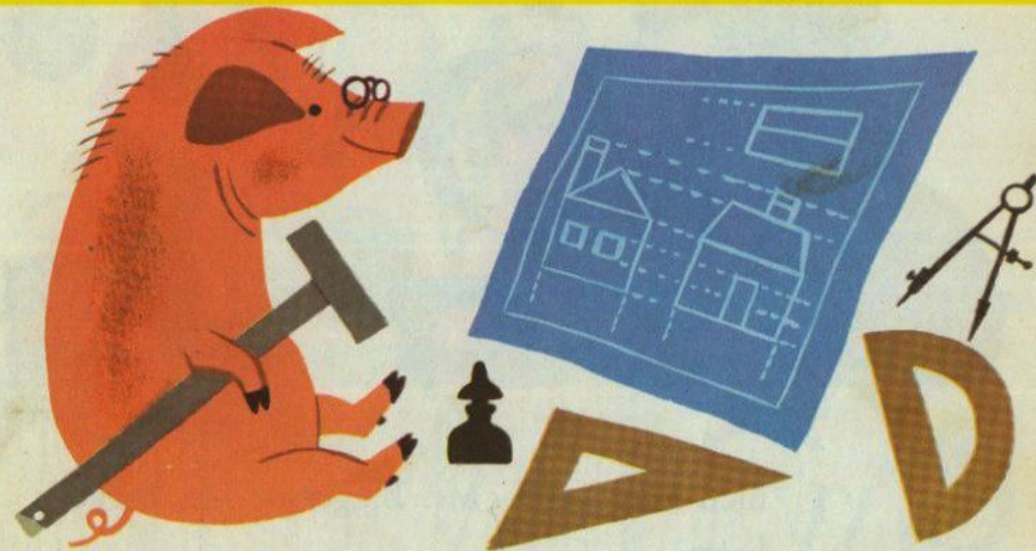
What animal took the most luggage into the ark? What animals took the least?

That's easy. The elephant took the most—he took his trunk. The fox and the rooster took the least—only a comb and brush between them.



What is the difference between a flea and an elephant?

An elephant can have fleas, but a flea can't have elephants.



What would a pig do if he wanted a home?

Tie a knot in his tail and call it a pig's tie.

Counting

What is the difference between a shiny new nickel and an old penny?

Four cents.



Which is bigger — Mr. Bigger or Mr. Bigger's baby?

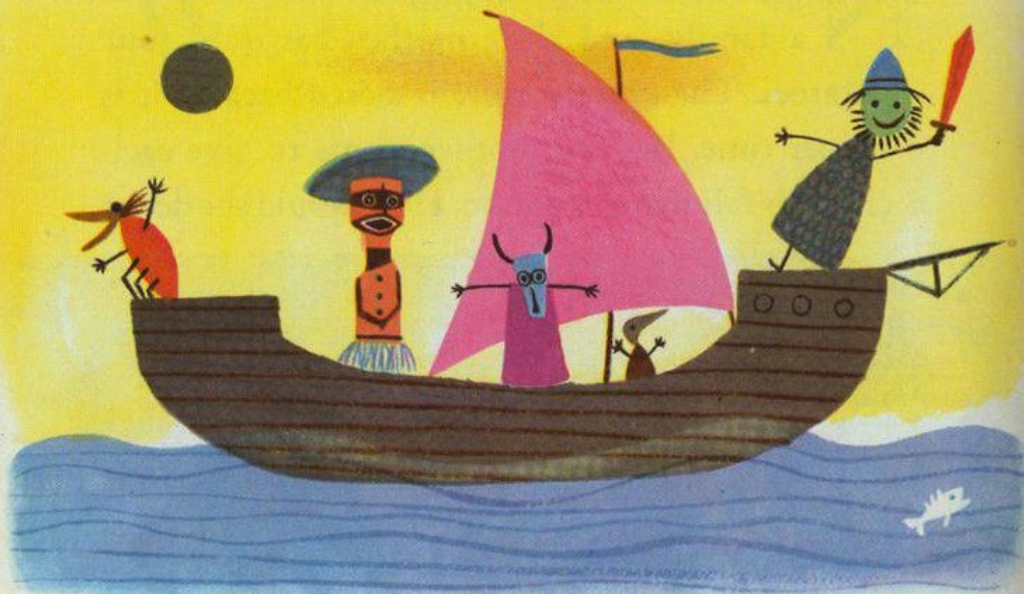
Mr. Bigger's baby, of course, because he is a little Bigger!

A Smart Solution

Now, then, suppose there are five children in a family, and their mother has only four potatoes. The grocery store is closed because it is supper time. But the mother wants to give each child his fair share of potato. How would she do it?



Mash the potatoes!



Across the swiffling waves they went,
 The gumly bark yoked to and fro;
 The jopple crew on pleasure bent,
 Galored, "This is a go!"

Beside the poo's'l stood the Gom,
 He chirked and murgled in his glee;
 While near him, in a grue jipon,
 The Bard was quite at sea.



"Gallop! Golloy! Thou scrumjous Bard!
 Take pen or pencil and endite
 A pome. My brain needs kurgling hard,
 And I will feast tonight."

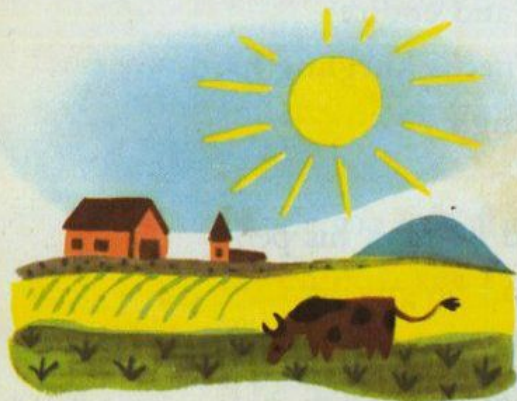
That wansome Bard he took his pen,
 A flirgly look around he guv;
 He squoffled once, he squirled, and then
 He wrote what's writ above.

You tell 'em, Bean.
He's been stringing you.



You tell 'em, Cat.
That's what you're fur.

You tell 'em Custard Pie.
You've got a crust.



You tell 'em, June,
And don't July.

You tell 'em, Hard-boiled Egg.
You can't be beat.



You tell 'em, Horse.
You carry a tail.



You tell 'em, Tree.
You've got the bark.

You tell 'em, Submarine.
I can't seaplane.





Mother said, "Mary Lou, what do you want to take your cod liver oil with?"
"With a fork."



Doctor, what is the difference between a bottle of your medicine and a naughty boy?



What did the old woman say when she looked into the empty barrel?

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What never asks a question but always has to be answered?

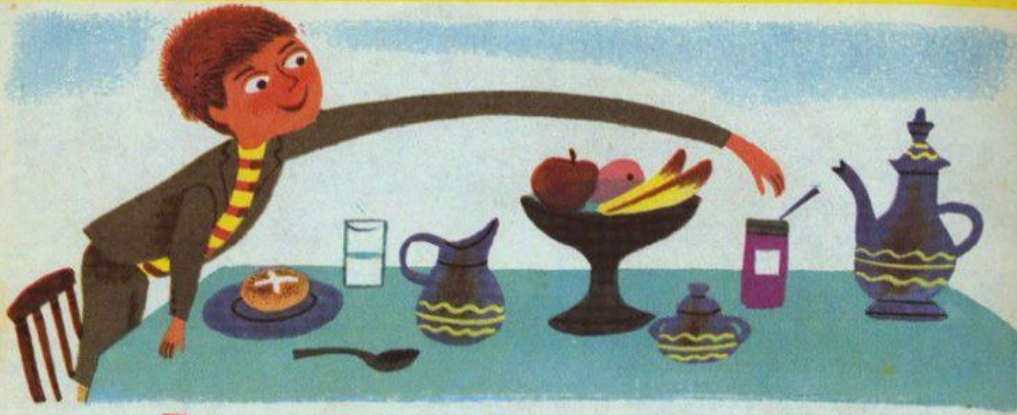


I went to the Animal Fair.
 The birds and the beasts were there.
 The big baboon, by the light of the moon,
 Was combing his auburn hair.



The monkey, he got drunk
 And sat on the elephant's trunk.
 The elephant sneezed and fell on his knees
 And what became of the monk, the monk . . .

Table Manners

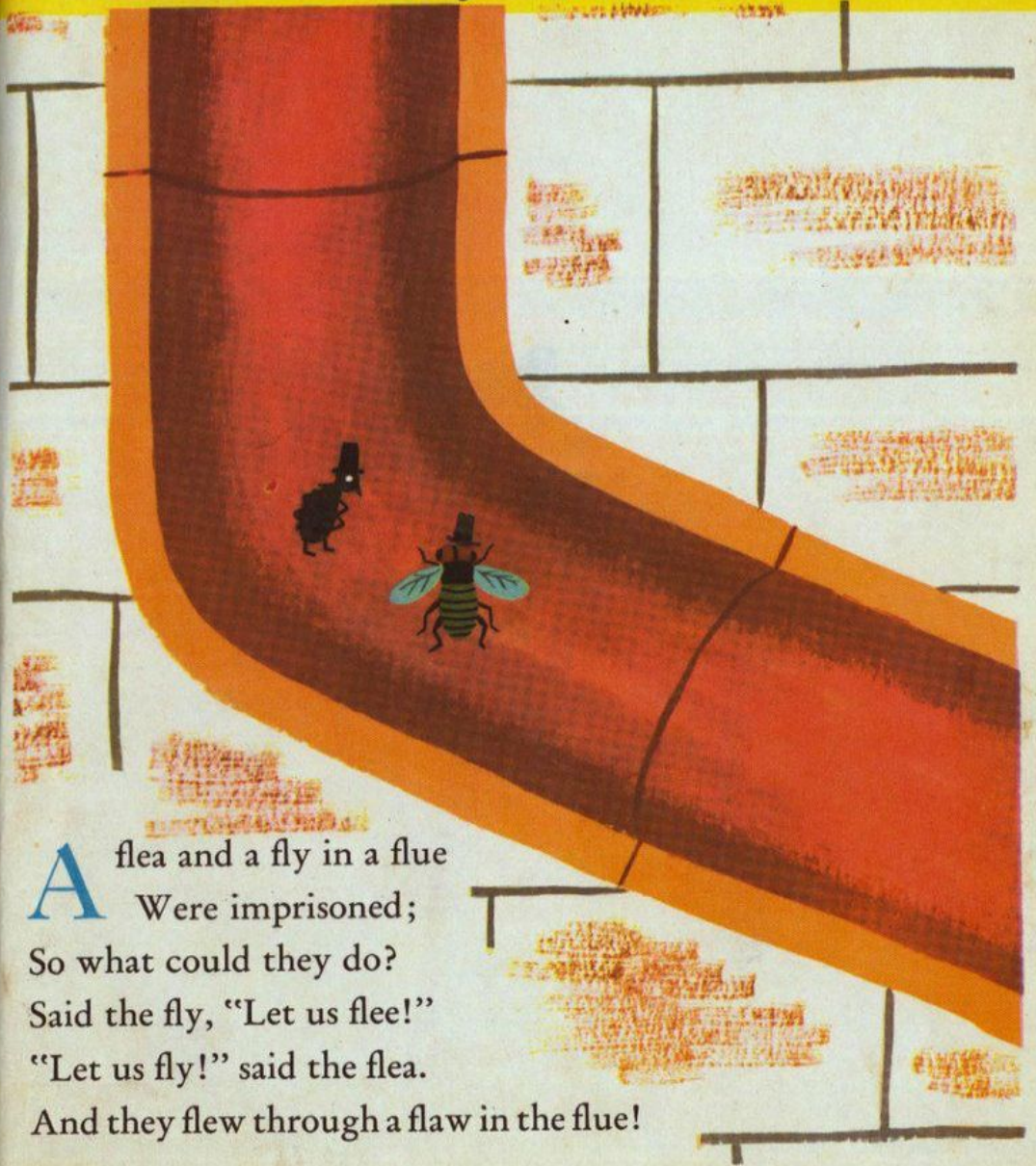


Johnny, I wish you'd stop reaching for things.
Haven't you got a tongue?"
"Yes, Mother. But my arm is longer."

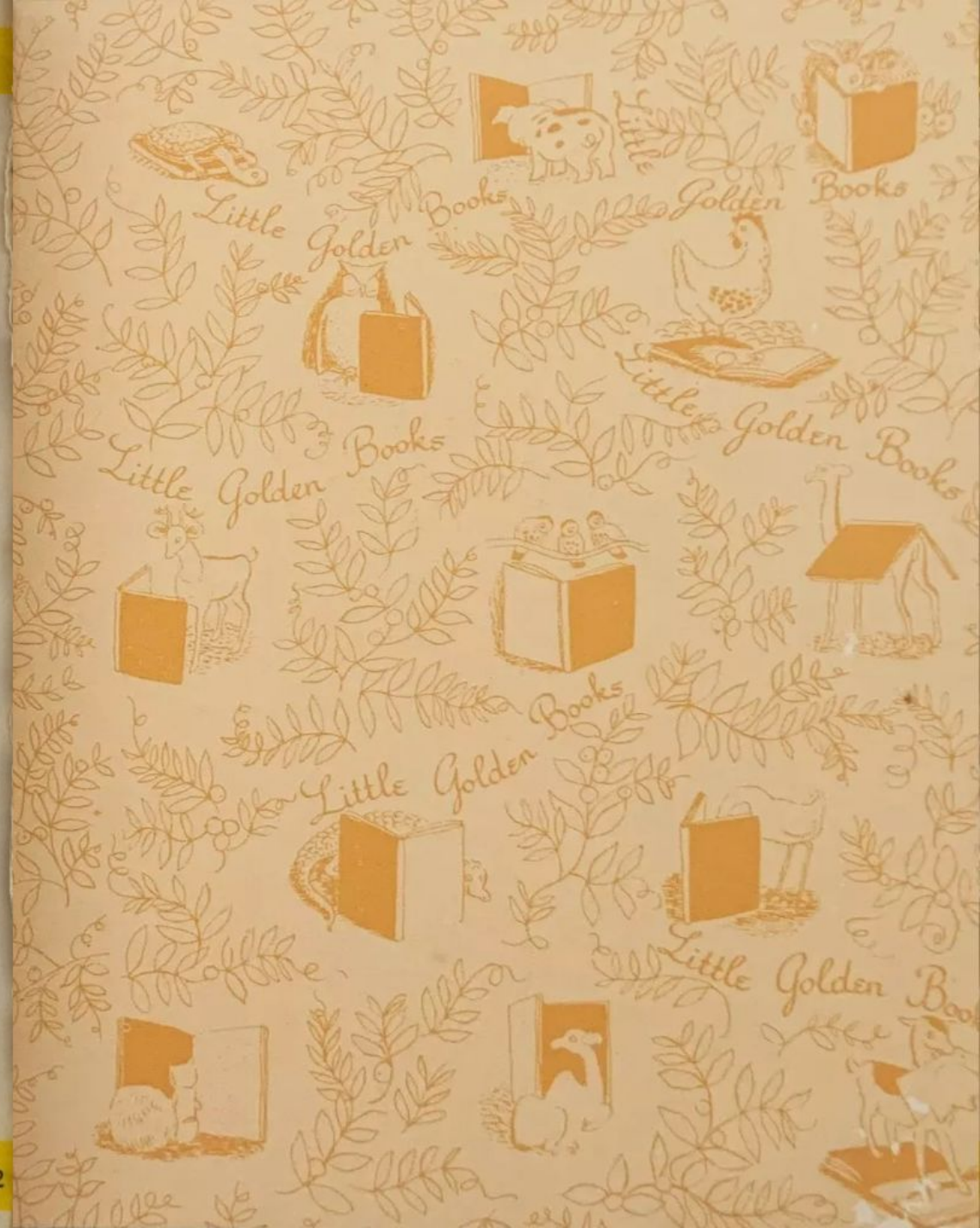


Ieat my peas with honey;
I've done it all my life.
They do taste kind of funny,
But it keeps them on my knife.

Flea, Fly, Flew, Flue!



A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned;
So what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
And they flew through a flaw in the flue!



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